

Animal Fact Sheet

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American Dipper

Cinclus mexicanus

The American Dipper is a stout, slate-gray songbird uniquely adapted to life along fast-flowing, cold mountain streams in western North and Central America. Notable for its bobbing or 'dipping' motio...

Quick facts

Classification: Bird

Family: Cinclidae

Habitat: Mountain streams and rivers

Diet: Carnivore

Conservation status: Least Concern

Lifespan: 5-7 years

Weight: 46-61 grams

Scientific name: *Cinclus mexicanus*

Did you know?

- Unlike most songbirds, the American Dipper can swim and even walk along the bottom of swift streams, using its wings for balance underwater.
- American Dippers have a nictitating membrane that allows them to see underwater, and their blood has extra hemoglobin to help them thrive in oxygen-r...

What I learned
